



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

LP-9J

FEB 05 2014

Ivy Clough
Pfaff, Gill and Ports, LTD.
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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request, Number EPA-R5-2014-002448

Dear Ms. Clough:

This letter is the response of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Land and Chemicals Division (LCD) to your FOIA request received on Friday, January 10, 2014. You requested records pertaining to an event that occurred on December 13, 2013, at the Blue Island Phenol site, located at 3350 131st Street in Blue Island, Illinois.

We have searched our records and have no records responsive to your request.

If you consider this response to be a denial of your request, you may appeal it in writing to EPA's National Freedom of Information Officer at the following address: EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. However, note that only items mailed through the U.S. Postal Service may be delivered to this address. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, address it to National Freedom of Information Officer, EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. You also may submit an appeal by e-mail to hq.foia@epa.gov. Your appeal must be made in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. EPA will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the "EPA-R5" number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

One or more additional Regional Divisions also are assigned to respond to your request and will respond separately. The Region 5 FOIA Office will send a Bill for Collection separately if the combined costs of each Division responding to your request exceed the minimum billing amount of \$14.00.

Please note the following general information:

- The U.S. EPA Region 5 office administers Federal environmental laws in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
- Region 5's Land and Chemicals Division administers Federal programs mainly under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), and the Toxics Release Inventory program of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). LCD does not administer the Federal Superfund, Air or Water programs; thus, if you requested information from those programs, they will respond separately unless noted.
- Each State has an environmental office that in some cases enforces some Federal environmental laws jointly with, or on behalf of, U.S. EPA. They also enforce their own State environmental laws. Thus States may have information of interest to you that we do not have. Enclosed is a list of State FOIA contacts, in case you wish to contact a State agency for information in their files. Also enclosed is a list of State contacts in the RCRA Underground Storage Tanks (UST) and Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) programs.
- U.S. EPA publishes a great deal of environmental information in searchable databases on the internet, available at no cost, via its Envirofacts webpage, www.epa.gov/enviro/. Envirofacts has links to over 20 databases with information collected by Air, Water, Superfund, RCRA, and TSCA programs, facility enforcement history, and the Toxics Release Inventory. Note that if EPA makes information available to you via its websites, we generally are not required to provide that information via FOIA, and we generally will not do so. For instance, TRI data often are of interest to the public, but because EPA puts all TRI data on Envirofacts, we won't provide printed reports from that database for you. Thus, it is important that you visit the Envirofacts site to search for information on sites of interest. Also, enclosed is a list of general EPA internet sites that provide various information that also may be of interest.

Please contact Terri Wilson of my staff at (312) 886-4188 or by email at Wilson.Terri@epa.gov if you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Crosetto
Chief, Internal Services Section